

**Introduced by Senator Stone  
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Senate Joint Resolution No. 9—Relative to the Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 9, as introduced, Stone. The Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act.

This measure would urge the President and the Congress of the United States to enact the Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 50 years ago, kidney failure was  
2 a death sentence; and  
3 WHEREAS, In 1972, Congress developed the Medicare  
4 End-Stage Renal Disease benefit. In doing so, Congress ensured  
5 that regardless of age or income, any American would have access  
6 to life-saving dialysis care. That was the turning point in kidney  
7 care; and  
8 WHEREAS, The Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in  
9 Research and Treatment Act (HR 1130) was introduced in the  
10 House of Representatives by Representative Tom Marino to address  
11 kidney disease care; and  
12 WHEREAS, House Resolution 1130 is built on three primary  
13 tenets. First, for individuals living with chronic diseases, especially  
14 when those diseases are complicated by multiple comorbid

1 conditions, coordinated care is key to improving outcomes and  
2 lowering health care costs. Second, increased research can lead to  
3 a deeper understanding of kidney disease prevention and ultimately  
4 to significant innovations in treatment. Lastly, stability in the  
5 Medicare program is central to an end-stage renal disease program  
6 that ensures quality and produces optimal results; and

7 WHEREAS, If left untreated, chronic kidney disease can  
8 progress to kidney failure, also known as end-stage renal disease,  
9 and early cardiovascular death; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 20 million adults in the United States,  
11 or more than 10 percent of the adult population, are estimated to  
12 have chronic kidney disease and most are undiagnosed; and

13 WHEREAS, Kidney disease is the ninth leading cause of death  
14 in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, In the United States, diabetes and are the leading  
16 causes of kidney failure, accounting for 72 percent or about three  
17 out of four new cases of kidney failure; and

18 WHEREAS, The number of kidney failure cases in the United  
19 States population has more than tripled since 1990 and is expected  
20 to grow because of an aging population and the increasing number  
21 of people with conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure,  
22 that place them at the risk of developing chronic kidney disease;  
23 now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*  
25 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature urges the President and  
26 the Congress of the United States to enact the Chronic Kidney  
27 Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act (HR 1130);  
28 and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
30 this resolution to the President of the United States, to each Senator  
31 and Representative from California in the Congress of the United  
32 States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.